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Bishops told: Be cautious of FM's offer



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Subpoena denied on FM war records

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In the public interest, we are publishing hereunder, without comment, the self-explanatory motion submitted by Quezon City Fiscal Sergio Apostol last March 11 before QC Judge Lose R. Castro, praying that the subpoena duces tecum for the "production of all records of all medals, awards and citations given to President Ferdinand E. Marcos" on March 8, 1983, upon motion of former Sen. Jose W. Diokno, counsel for Ernesto Rodriguez, Jr. in Criminal Case No. Q-22872, be "set aside or quashed." Also included is Sen. Diokno's comment on the motion to quash the subpoena duces tecum, dated March 14, 1983, which 'respectfully leaves the resolution of the motion to quash to the sound discretion of the Court." Last March 22, 1983, Judge Castro resolved the issue by sustaining Fiscal Apostol. The Judge's order is also published hereunder. See pages 7 and 8)



dispossessed

(The following originally appeared in the Vol. III, No. 1 issue of Balai Asian Journal, a quarterly publication devoted to development issues affecting the peoples of Asia. - Ed)

There is mass dispossession of national minorities. Whole tribes are relocated if not downright evicted from their ancestral lands. This is a result of the penetration of big business interest into hitareas of the country for mining or logging or for socalled "development" programs of the government such as infrastructures and power

• In Australia hear the cry of Aboriginal communi-

We Aurukun people will not allow any mining at all on our land.

We will not accept any

Our land is sacred to us. We hunt on it and have our Sacred Places on it.

We want Comalco, Billiton, Pechiney and Tipperary to leave our land alone.

We must protect our cul-

Their voice unfortunately has fallen on deaf ears as the Australian government would rather legislate in favor of Page 6, pleasé



CARDINAL SIN

'Release Olalia' campaign

TORONTO - A ranking official of the militant trade union Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) now in self-exile in Canada has been doing the rounds to seek support for the release of KMU top men Felixberto Olalia, Sr., and Crispin Beltran who continue to languish in jail after their arrest August last year.

Ernesto Arellano, KMU Page 6, please

"The proposal recently made by His Eminence, Jaime United Nationalist Democra-tic Granization (UNIDO) have strongly endorsed the suggestion of Jaime L. Cardinal Sin for the creation of a "national advisory council for

reconciliation and survival. At the same time, they called on President Marcos to "seriously consider and respond" to the Manila Archbishop's proposal.

The endorsement was reached at a joint meeting of UNIDO's executive committee, council of leaders and the advisory council recent-ly held at the resident of former Speaker Jose B. Laurel, Jr. in Mandaluyong, Metro Manila.

In a statement issued Assemblyman vador "Doy" Laurel, UNIDO president, the opposition po-

US report on RP and human rights

2. Respect for Civil and Political rights, Including: a. Freedom of Speech and

Until late in 1982, media freedom had been expanding. The formal lifting of martial law in January 1981 had provided a psychological boost to journalists. The reclimate during the martial law period had markedly diminished. Tolerance by the Government for coverage of controversial issues, including news about opposition activities and human rights abuses, had increased, and media content had become more assertive

vis-a-vis the Government. For example, the press dug aggressively into the 1982 Supreme Court bar examina-tion scandal and had contained coverage of such issues as alleged military abuses against civilians. In December 1982, the "We Forum," an opposition newspaper, was closed and its staff arrested for alleged subversive activities consisting in part of publication of articles claiming President Marcos' war record to be falsified. The staff was subsequently released to house arrest status and their trial began. After

employment, health and nutrition, housing and human settlements, agriculture and agrarian reforms, justice and defense." Not much was mentioned in that meeting about the repeated abuses, oppression, and persecution by the mili-tary which the Church leaders

The CBCP members were called recently by President Marcos to a meeting in Mala-

canang where Mr. Marcos laid before them a voluminous program covering 'labor and

had been bringing to the attention of the government (Malacanang) with urgent requests to stop them and restore peace to the country.

UNIDO endorses proposal of Sin

By VIC BARRANCO

The rank and file of the Catholic Laity have rallied behind Jaime Cardinal Sin who adverted the Catholic Bishops Conference of

the Philippines (CBCP) to be cautious on the proposal of President Marcos to get them to help in the economic programs of the

government.

booby traps

Leading members of the Knights of Columbus, a lay Catholic order, urged the

people to have a second close look at the Marcos proffer, pointing out that it is full of

"The CBCP-Military dia-logues have specific matters to take up from time to

time" said one senior degree KC of Council No. 6154, Roxas district, Q.C. under Grand Knight Florendo Garcia. "These matters are most-

ly oppression and abuses of the military on the people

in both the urban and rural areas. The proposal of President Marcos is out of the

scope of the CBCP-Military

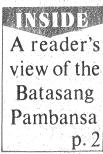
L. Cardinal Sin, for the creation of an advisory council for national reconciliation Page 7, please

NP: Real opposition party

By MANET CASTRO Deputy Secretary General Nacionalista Party

Those people who are criticizing the Nacionalista Party, branding it as a "manageable opposition, subsidiary of the KBL and national collaboration party" do not have they are talking know what they are talking about because they are ignorant of the role being performed by the NP to stabilize Philippine political life. If there is any political party that has been consistent in opposing the Administration, it is the NP because it is only the NP which has consistently fielded candidates in all local and national elections, thereby

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The Interim Batasang Pambansa is not the Batasang Pamba

obvious enough but, if you haven't noticed, the interim Batasang Pambansa (IBP) has been enacting laws (called "Batas Pambansa") under the name "Batasang Pambansa"

Some observers have interpreted the dropping of the qualification "interim" as a crude attempt to simulate "normalization" - as if to say the legislature is no longer transitory.

President Marcos had said that when he began his term on June 30, 1981, it was virtually the beginning of anew government because the IBP would now have the same powers as the Regular Na-tional Assembly (RNA), which would now be known as the BP.

"Therefore, in a way we shall have practically eliminated the interim period from 1981 to 1984, and started normal operations on June 30," he added.

1984, as many people seem to know (and look forward to), is the year set - if everything proceeds according to plan - for the first regular election of the BP (Constitution, Art. VIII,

It is correct to say that the IBP now has the same powers as the RNA.This is clear from the Constitution, Amendment 2 as further as further amended by the 1981

By ELI ANGELES

Amendments

But it is misleading to say that the RNA would now be known as the BP as if to say the IBP also has the same powers as the BP.

The RNA and the BP are distinct entities. The BP is not a renamed RNA. Their respective powers are not identical.

Likewise, the respective BP are not identical.

Consequently, the IBP cannot exercise some powers of the BP and the BP cannot exercise some powers of the IBP and the IBP cannot exercise some powers of the IBP

The significance of this will dawn on us when these powers are identified. But before doing so, it is necessary to clarify the jumble that is the *interim* National Assembly (INA), the RNA, the IBP and the BP.

Both the INA and the RNA were provided for in the original provisions of the

original provisions of the 1973 Constitution.

The INA was provided for in Art. XVII (Transitory Provisions), particularly Sec. 1, while the RNA was provided for in Art. XVIII (Transitory Provisions). vided for in Art. VIII.

Not only were their res-

pective compositions different; their respective powers were not identical.

The INA had the same powers as the RNA, except

Constitution (Art.

Among the powers the INA had which the RNA did

not have were the following:

1. the power to propose constitutional amendments by a *majority* vote (Art. XVII, Sec. 15); the RNA could do so only upon a three-fourths vote (see original provisions, Art. XV, Sec 1[1]).

2, the authority to adopt a new name, anthem and seal for the country (see original

provisions, Art. XV, Sec. 2).

Among the powers the RNA had which the INA did not have were the following:

1, the power to expressly and explicitly modify or repeal presidential decrees (Art. XVII, Sec. 3[2]).

2. the power to amend, modify or repeal existing (at the time of the adoption of the 1973 Constitution) laws that remained opera-tive (Art. XVII, Sec. 7).

The IBP was provided for by the 1976 Amendments, particularly Amendment 1, "in lieu of the *interim* National Assembly."

The IBP's composition is

different from those of the INA and the RNA.

As for its powers, the

IBP has the same powers as the INA and the RNA.
(Amendment 2 as further amended by the 1981 the 1981 Amendments).

It was this body that was first convened in 1978 and which has since been holding sessions and passing laws called "Batas Pambansa" (the other kind of laws being called "presidential decrees").

The BP was provided for

or by the 1981 Amendments.

Its composition is different from those of the INA, the RNA, and the IBP.

There is no constitutional provision similar to Amend-ment 2 which provides that the BP shall have the same powers as the IBP or the RNA. Nor is there a consti-tutional provision to the effect that the IBP shall have the same powers as the

The fact is the IBP (and the RNA) has powers which the BP does not have. Among these are the following:

1, the power to expressly and explicitly modify or repeal presidential decrees (Art. XVII, Sec. 3(2) in relation to Amendment 2).

2. the power to propose constitutional amendments by a majority vote (Art. XVII, Sec. 15 in relation to

do so only upon a three-fourths vote (Art. XVI, Sec.

3. the authority to adopt a new name, anthem and seal for the country (Art. XV,

In other words, the BP, unlike the IBP, cannot modify or repeal presidential decrees. Note however that the IBP can modify or repeal presidential decrees only expressly and explicitly.

On the other hand, while the failure or inability to act of the IBP or the RNA is a ground for the exercise of presidential legislative power (Amendment 6), such does not apply to the BP. In other words, once the BP has been convened, this shall no longer be a ground for issuance of presidential decrees (of course, there are other grounds).

The constitutional provisions on presidential suc-cession (Art. VII, Sec. 4 and 7), strictly speaking, apply only to the BP and not also to the IBP. Said provisions make mention of the "Batasang Pambansa"; they make no mention of the IBP. In other words, in case of the death of President XVII, Sec. 15 in relation to Marcos before the BP has Amendment 2); the BP can been convened, said pro-

visions will not govern. Perhaps what will govern is a certain Presidential Decree No. 1514, which was already the governing law at the time of the adoption of the 1981 Amendments which introduced the said provisions.

Also, in the IBP (and the RNA), no bill except those of local application shall be calendared without the prior recommendation of the Cabinet (see original provisions, Art. VIII, Sec. 19(3) in relation to Amendment 2). This does not apply to the BP because the provision was deleted under the 1981 Amendments.

Finally, there are differenes in the rules on withdrawal of confidence from the Prime Minister and dissolution of the National Assembly/Bata-sang Pambansa in the res-pective cases of the IBP (see original provisions, Art. VIII, Sec. 13 in relation to Amendment 2) and the BP (Art. VIII, Sec. 13).

We have noted the major differences in the respective powers of the IBP and the BP. There are other minor differences.

The point is the IBP and the BP are distinct. Let us be aware of the distinction.

itamins, sex, etc.

By ANTONIO L. PROTACIO M.D.

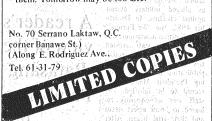


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When a patient asks what's the best vitamin for him, he really means any of the following questions: (UMA)

taller and heavier?

oWhat vitamins can improve sex? Can vitamins retard aging?

What vitamins do I need if I have poor vision and

What is the best vitamin combination available over the counter? And a host of other nag-

ging questions.

Vitamins are naturally pre-sent in our daily diet, and are substances that aid and abet in the metabolism and other processes of the body. They are like the Seven Dwarfs to Snow White, or the "alalays" to a superstar.

Briefly, here are the different important vitamins and some of their functions: A is the photoreceptor of the retina, helps in adjusting the eye to darkness and in developing a clear skin; C and D aid in bone formation; K in blood clotting; and E in the metabolism of fats.

Vitamin B is divided into

B₁, which helps in the burn-ing of carbohydrates; B₂ and B₆, which help in the metabolism of carbohydrates, and provide protein; and

Folic Acid and B₁₂, which develop red blood cells.

Next, let us answer the other questions.

Growth, in both height and weight, is largely gene-tic (giant begets giant); hormonal (the pituitary controls growth) and nutritional (primarily protein). Vitamins

only help.

Vitamins do not increase one's sex drive. The much touted Vitamin E, for example, still has to prove its true worth. Sexual inadequacy, which in most cases is all in the mind, cannot be cured vitamins. Use other techniques.

Aging is a natural and hard-to-accept process which cannot be reversed by Mephistopheles or any vitamin. Vitamin E with its supposedly anti-cholesterol action can possibly help in decongesting the vital arteries of the brain and heart, thus preventing fatal strokes. Nevertheless, little is known of Vitamin E's real action on the body.

Some researches bestow an anti-cancer property on some vitamins. Mega doses of Vitamin C are advocated by Nobel Winner Linus Pauling, but these are still nebulous and need further confirm-

Now, the big question is whether a normal healthy individual needs vitamins as a nutritional supplement. The answer is a big NO. If one is healthy, then he must be getting an adequate diet which already contains the essential vitamins.

Generally, vitamins are harmless, except when taken in excessive and prolonged

Hypervitaminosis A produce rough dry skin, course hair, headache, and weakness. Excess Vitamin D can cause elevated blood calcium which damages the kidneys.
So when should one take

vitamins?
In conditions when there

is an obvious nutritional defi-ciency, which will naturally include vitamin deficiency.
In times of stress and sick-

In those cases with specific complaints, such as nightblindness and corneal lesions from Vitamin A deficiency; weak and soft bones due to lack of Vitamin C and D; hemorrhages from Vitamin C and K deficiencies; and cramps and burning sensation

due to Vitamin B, shortage.
Growing children, who
usually have wrong eating should also take

There are as many vitamin preparations in the market as there are drug companies. The trick is to look into the type of vitamins, the dosage required, and the minerals like calcium and iron thrown in as a bonus.

Most complaints recurrent colds and cough, weakness, dizziness, shortness of breath and countless other things — are not due to lack of vitamins but to real or-ganic illnesses. These should be investigated and treated accordingly.

Patients can take vitamin pills as long as they believe in their beneficial effect, are taken with their doctor's blessing, not in excessive amount, and not so expensive as to cause "monetary defi-ciency."

To recap:

♦Vitamins are essential but should not be abused and overused. They are not a cure-all for real or imagined

•Further investigation is needed to determine the real cause of most medical complaints, and to properly treat

●Healthy persons don't need vitamins, - PCF Media

INTERVIEW Rey Fajardo on nat'l survival

- What is the Movement for National Survival?
- It is a collective and organized effort on the part of its members (1) to inform and alert Filipino public opinion about the dangers posed by American military and economic policies in the Philippines to the nation's Security and the people's welfare, and (2) to move and mobilize public opinion against such policies.
- What are the dangers posed by American military and economic policies in the Philippines?
- These dangers may fundamentally be classified into dangers of a military nature, and dangers of an economic

The military dangers stems from the presence of America's military and naval bases which harbor nuclear materials and weapons. These bases, as the late Don Claro M. Recto repeatedly warned, are magnets of nuclear attack by America's adversaries. They automatically involve the Philippines in American military affairs, making this country an integral part of America's military establishment overseas. In the context of the escalating animosity between the United States and the Soviet Union, these bases virtually doom the Philippines to nuclear extinction the moment hostility breaks out between them. They are a clear and present danger to the very existence and survival of our nation.

The economic danger stems from the economic policies which the US government and American business have consistently pressed on our government since our annexation in 1898 as a colony; and which they continue to press on our government through the IMF and the World Bank today. These are policies which operate to suppress the industrial development of the country, bringing about chronic and perennial condition of mass poverty, mass unemployment and inflation.

- Why the term "National Survival"
- Because no less than the survival of this nation and of our people is threatened by these military and economic policies.
- What is the need for the Movement?
- The need for the Movement stems from the fact that the mass of our people are being, and have long been kept ignorance about the nature and implications of these military and economic policies. How is that?
- Because we have an educational system that has failed to train and condition our people and our leaders to per-ceived the real interest of this country. It is an educatio-nal system that has failed, in fact has deliberately neglected, to educate our people in the philosophy nationalism and to understand the nature of imperialism,
- particularly American imperialism.

 Would you say then that the Movement for National Survival is essentially an educational movement?
- Yes, to a large extent it is. But it is also more than just an educational movement. It is a movement that aims to move and mobilize our people against American imperialism, and to move and mobilize them into demanding from their government and political leaders that they act and behave as nationalists should act and behave.
- Has the philosophy of the Movement been fully stated? The basic philosophy has been stated. It may be found in the Declaration of the Movement, which was issued three years ago, and is reproduced hereunder:

"We alert all Filipinos to the inhuman repercussions of American economic and military policies in this coun try. These policies have brought on our people untold hardship and economic misery. And, in the context of international events, they place in imminent jeopardy the very physical survival of this nation. Unless these policies are reversed, the overwhelming majority of Filipinos will continue to live in dehumanizing poverty, and that poverty will worsen still. The nation is already being crushed economically by its massive and increasing international debt. Our resources, now extensively depleted, stand to be completely exhausted. The Philippines is in the process of being transformed into a wasteland whose inhabitants will have to rob and kill for survival, as many of them already do now.

"We do not have to describe in detail the economic repurcussions of these policies because those who read this, experience and live with those repercussions every-

"Dictatorship, of which this country has had no e perience before martial law, has become part of the American legacy in this country, as it is in many areas of the world, such as the Middle East and Latin America. "But the more urgent matter concerns the presence

Physics congress slated on April 10-12

Congress will be held on April 10-12 at the Santa Catalina Retreat House in Baguio City under the auspices of the Samahang Pisika ng Pilipinas in cooperation with the National Research Council of the Philippines.

The list of topics and speakers is as follows:

* Fields and Particles: Dr. Jose Magpantay (Depart-

* Quantum Mechanics: Prof. Salvador Roxas-Gonza-

ment of Physics, University of the Philippines); Dr. Christopher Bernido (UP); Dr. Roger Posadas (UP); Dr. Lorenzo Chan (UP); Mr. Danilo Yanga (UP);

of American military and naval bases here. Because these bases contain nuclear weapons and material, they make the Philippines an inevitable magnet of nuclear attack. We are now involved in America's dangerous war strategy. Her enemies automatically are our enemies even if we seek nothing but friendship with all nations. Overnight, millions of our countrymen, particularly those in Central Luzon, can be incinderized by a nuclear holocaust, and vast areas of the country rendered unfit for habitation. We have been made by America a pawn in her international military struggle.

"American policy in the Philippines is criminal in its utter disregard of our people's right to survive, to develop, and to live in safety and peace.

"We ask all Filipinos, regardless of ideology or religious creed, to join us in this movement for national

"AND WE DECLARE:"

- "1) That the Philippines should pursue a policy of neutrality and non-alignment, similar to what India has done. We wish no part, and should not be involved in America's quarrels, particularly with nuclear powers;
- "2) That America's bases be dismantled, or at least all nuclear weapons therein removed. The bases should be de-nuclearized as soon as possible;
- "3) That the government press for an indefinite moratorium on all debt and interest payments from our international creditors;
- '4) That our economic planners lose no time bringing this country into the age of science, technology and industry as an essential requisite to the solution of mass poverty:
- "5) That nationalism and anti-imperialism be officially adopted as a policy of the state and that the government declare also as a matter of national policy that the Philippines is for Filipinos.
- What are the principal activities of the Movement right
- The principal activities consist in issuing statements on issues which the Movement deems of urgency, and relevant to the nation's survival and security
- For example? For example, among the statements issued has been a 10-point proposal on what the government should do to contront the mounting international economic crisis. The Movement will, whenever it deems the time appropriate, issue further proposals, and in this way assist in
- the politicalization of the Filipino people. Specifically, what is this 10-point proposal?
- Hereunder is the 10-point proposal:
 - Declare a moratorium on all its debts to IMF, the World Bank on the ground that the experiment they forced on the Philippines has proved to be a mis-
 - Demand from the US government \$10 billion in new loans to compensate for the security risks to which it has exposed the Philippines through the military bases and the "extensive damage" it has caused the nation by imposing on it the policy of free trade.
 - Revive collapsed industries by placing their ownership in the hands of the workers who have had no share in the mismanagement of these industries and that same be injected with new funds by the government
 - Adopt a strict policy of import controls, designated to stimulate domestic productions, save on foreign exchange, and prepare the nation for the time when it shall not be able to import at all be implemented, and impose the death penalty on violators of the rules and regulations thereunder.
 - Require all citizens to bring back their dollar holdings abroad.
 - Promote a nationwide plan immediately in which the economic self-sufficiency of every region the country will be put into effect.
 - Nationalize the banking and financial system. Gear international trade around the principle of

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Technology Master education (drafting technology, electronics technology and mechanical technology) which is a new offering.

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- international barter and that exploit the trade opportunities with non-market economics on the basis of barter to the fullest limit.
- Restore complete freedom of speech and assembly to permit full ventilation of grievances and proposals.
- Mobilize the people around a new ideology of development and social justice.
- Who are the members of the Movement?
- The members have been recruited from the ranks of Academe and civic organizations who have a record of nationalist and anti-imperialist beliefs.
- Who are the officers?
- There are no officers. The Movement has a spokesman through whom statements are issued.
- Why are there no officers?
- A movement of this nature needs no officers.
- Who are the prime movers of MNS?
- Alejandro Lichauco, nationalist-economist and delegate of Rizal to the 1971 Constitutional Convention and TOYM awardee and delegate of Manila to the 1971 Constitutional Convention, Rey T. Fajardo.
- How are statements prepared?
- They are prepared by the respective committees which have jurisdiction and competence over the subject.
- How does the Movement relate to other organizations?
- The Movement will extend its full support to any organization that is moved, and espouses, the cause of nationalism and anti-imperialism.
- How does the movement determine whether any other organization is truly nationalist?
- When that organization is authentically anti-imperialist. Nationalism is true nationalism only when it is antiimperialist.

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Editorials

Suffering

The lesson derived from the suffering and death of Jesus Christ - an occasion all of Christendom recently commemorated - is quite simple: That in suffering, there is salvation; in death, there is ressur-

We tend to wonder aloud: How long must we endure tyranny and oppression? Is our "salvation" at hand?

Image changes

Since the May 17, 1982 barangay elections, we have observed that, by and large, barangay captains and councilmen have been more independent in speaking out their views and more outspoken in their demands for the improvement of their localities.

The old picture of the barangay captain being no better than a servile and fawning favor-seeker has faded, to give way to a new image of one who has found strength in the thought that he has been elected by his people and, by this token, has every right to demand that his local government give the barangay the attention and support it needs and

This transformation of the barangay pinuno is, of course, due to his having been chosen by the barangay residents in a free election. And since the election was non-political, he does not owe anything to any political party and, therefore, he has no political favors to repay.

It remains now for the barangay captain to assert his rights under the Local Government Code, to work for the development of his locality, to see to it that peace and order prevails in his jurisdiction, and even to demand that his local government officials do their job rightly and well.

As the basic units of government, it can well be said that the future of the nation will depend upon the barangays, which is to say, upon the Filipino



Mga tilamsik ng diwa

Ni FRANCISCO 'SOC' RODRIGO

LINGKOD NG DIOS

Nais kong magsilbing maliit na tinig Ng maraming dukhang hindi naririnig; Nais kong ihandog yaring aking bisig Upang maibangon ang di makatindig Nais kong idulot ang puso ko't dibdib Sa inaaliping walang umiibig Nais kong tuparin yaring pananalig Na ako ay lingkod ng Dios sa daigdig!

MAGARANG BABAI

Habang kumikinang ang mga brilyante At nagkikislapan ang sapiro't rubi, At kagulat-gulat ang maluhong trahe Na suot ng isang magarang babai, Naito ang kanyang laging sinasabi "Mahal na mahal ko ang dukha at api! "

KINITIL ANG LAYA

Mula nang kinitil sa tao ang laya, naglaho sa bayan ang sigla't adhika At ang pagkukusa upang dumakila – Kaya't di umunlad itong ating bansa.

ANG BANGKAY

Sa luksang lamayan, lahat ay malumbay, Lahat ay mapanglaw - maliban sa bangkay.

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Publisher's notes

'Dilemma in serving people'



By JOSE G. BURGOS JR.

I was recently furnished a copy of the February issue of Chi Rho, the student newspaper of the Maryknoll College, which came out with a two-and-a-half page account of an interview with me by two young lady-staffers of the school organ.

Because I believe it to be a fair and accurate report of the interview, I would like to share the piece with our Malaya rea-The length of the article constrains me to serialize the interview. The article is entitled "A dilemma in serving people under the New Republic" under the byline of Loida Cabreros and Irma Alvia.

Here's the First Part: "The arrest of WE FO-RUM publisher-editor Jose G. Burgos, Jr. and other staffers, the subsequent closure of the publication, and the subversive charges filed against them by the military and Quezon City Fiscal Sergio Apostol have aroused grave concern a mong people who would thought and expression.

"The WE FORUM has managed to survive under the martial law regime and the first few years of the New Republic, until last December 7 when the arrest was made on the strength of a Presidential Commitment Order.
"Those who have pro-

tested against this arrest insist that it is a violation

of press freedom.
"The WE FORUM case

has been covered by our national dailies, but people have been complaining that these newspapers are only emphasizing one side of the issue. Those writers who have attempted to present the side of the other party got their articles censored.

"But the quest for truth, freedom and justice will never be suppressed. It is with this belief that the CHI RHO staff hopes to present the other side of the Burgos case through this interview with Jose

CHI RHO: Can you relate to us, exactly what happened the day you and your writers were arrested?

JOSE BURGOS,JR.: I was inside the editorial room of the WE FORUM and talking to somebody who was crying her heart out because in five days time the houses which they were renting were supposed to be demolished y the government. According to them, the government needs the area where their houses stand for a so-called park of Mala-canang. And of course, as a publication, WE FO-RUM has been considered as an outlet for people with grievances where they could express or air their problems. People like these ask for our help. Either for publication so that proper government action could be initiated or so that those in power would be able to know

about these grievances.

I was talking over the phone when this group of military people, some in civilian, others in uniform, walked towards me. I naturally suspected that something was wrong. In fact, my first reaction and my first statement was:

'Yan na ba ang warrant of arrest ko? But the officerin-charge did not say anything. So I motioned him to sit down as I ended my phone call. When I finished, the leader of the team told me: 'Is it possible if we could talk in your office?' So I accompanied him to my office at the other side of the building. When I told him to sit down he said: 'I am sorry but you are mis-taken. This is not a warrant of arrest. This is a Presidential Commit-

ment Order.' I already had an inkling even before the raid. As you know, putting out WE Forum is in itself a risk. And considering the fact that we have been vocal and critical of the Marcos regime, I was already resigned to this kind of harassment. In fact, every day to me was a day of anxiety, because I always suspected that the military will just come and get me. So I was expecting the arrest. Particularly because a week before my arrest, President Marcos came out with an aside in his speech before the Veterans Fede-

ration of the Philippines. questioning his war re-cords. People who heard Marcos even said he would let me eat the issue of the newspaper. I already sus-pected something was going to happen.

Chi Rho: But prior to your arrest, did you receive any warning from the military or otherwise?

JB: We came out sometime before September of last year or four months before my arrest, with a column by one of our columnists, Raul Gonzalez who said that he already saw a draft of a charge sheet against me and some columnists for subversion. We published that. This was at the height of the arrest of the labor leaders and the crackdown on the labor front. And of course, such other minor harassments like not allowing me to leave the Philippines to attend a conference of Catholic journalists in Hongkong in 1979. And earlier, I was warned (that was when martial law was still in effect) by the Print Media Council to refrain from attacking the administration. Dealers and newsboys were also harassed by some unscrupulous police and mili-tary men. This has been a continuing harassment against me on the part of some minions of the government.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Woman in the City of Man

Words of hope from the Bible



By ESTY JUCO

while how the Holy Week and the Easter Fulfillment would move my life this year. Perhaps I was getting wearied because of the prevailing turn of events. Everything seemed to go on in the same old way, A few instances of dawn breaking, of changes in people, ...and then, the ever-present pall of gloom and surrender spreading over all.

I was wondering for a

Never were the phrases I learned in Religion classes way back in Grade School so real to me: "And darkness was on the face of the deep.

Perhaps this feeling was underscored and aggravated by the fact that shortly before the country gets caught up in the Holy Week atmosphere sacrifice and resilence flection, there is the excitement of college graduation taking campuses by storm.

Graduation... a completion, an ending. Easter ... Resurrection, a beginning. How significantly juxtaposed, and yet how naturally aligned these two

events turn out to be.

I think of tens of thousands of graduates, beaming-faced and brighteyed, ascending hundreds of graduation platforms with eager steps to receive the tokens of academic achievement allowing them entry into the brave new world of the profes-

I think of them, idealistic and crusading, like so many little Davids, moving out to the wide expanse to do battle with stampeding Goliaths. Have we in the academe done right by our students, honing their minds and their wills to do the good, the honest and the proper in the face of evil and the blandish-ments of "the world, the devil and the flesh"?

True to the vocation of education, we strive to fashion these students given by parents to our care to become "self-directed Filipino men and women," worthy citizens not only of the City of Man but more specially of the City of God in that king-

dom beyond the tyranny of time and the shadows of fear. We try to help them formulate values and norms by which they may be guided in charting their

We pass on to them the same vision of a better world buttressed by the same towering and lofty pillars of virtues that have given us a reason for living: goodness, kindness, truth, justice, charity, faith, hope, righteousness. We train them to think and observe, to judge, to act, confident that Good will triumph over Evil,

And yet, how long will their idealism last? How strongly will they adhere

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Risk of free people

"We know from experience that a vigorous, competent and dedicated free press is never going to have an easy time investigating the ills of popular government, because it is in the very nature of government to defend itself at all costs. To admit fault under pressure is the most damning of official crimes, as far as officialdom itself is concerned. It follows that tension is bound to be created if the press tries to penetrate government secrecy in the course of a proper investigation.

"Does this mean, then, that the press is always to blame for the existence of tension with government and for the maintenance of an adversary relationship? I do not think so.

"The impartial investigation of official conduct remains the principal way for a democratic society to defend itself from abuse. If properly elected or appointed government representatives can do this job, well and good; but if they fail, then the task falls by default to the press. And It would be a worthless, irresponsible and supine press that did not accept this responsibility.

"The best guarantee that this country has against the suppression of its freedoms lies in the independence of its newspapers, in their rejection of government by directive, in their refusal to accept practices in and out of government that they believe to be against the public interest. That kind of press, by its very nature, is often likely to offend more people than it pleases. It is also bound to make mistakes, some of which may be damaging to all concerned.

"This is the risk that free peoples must be willing to accept if they are to have access to a press that, given all its faults, is willing to stand up for the public interest. And this is what a free press must do if it is to merit public respect. No other kind of press is worth having."

JOHN HOHENBERG
"Crisis for the American Press"

Doon po sa amin

Ni ESTRELLA DEL MUNDO

Doon po sa amin. . . bayang Pilipinas Na ang naghahari (raw!) ay lakas ng batas, Ang mga salarin mandin ay laganap At hindi masugpo ang kriminalidad.

Ang batas sa amin, inyong pag-aralan Hindi pumapanig (daw!) sa kahi't sino man, Kahi't itanong n'yo sa Sandigangbayan At nang matalastas ang katotohanan.

Ang katahimikan sa bayan po namin Ay garantisado (raw!) at di magmamaliw Pagka't kontrolado ang mga NPA; Masasamang-loob nama'y binabaril.

Sa amin pong bayan, kayo'y magugulat Sa liksi at sipag (daw!) gumawa ng batas, Mayro'n nang Batasan ay mayro'n pang Atas Buhat sa Pangulo nitong Pilipinas.

Ang Kabuhayan po ng mahal kong bayan Ay sakdal ng lusog (daw!) kung inyong mamasdan, Itong utang natin, maliit lang naman: LABIMPITONG BILYON na salaping dolyar!

Ang Pamamasukan, kumustahin ninyo At iilan lamang (daw!) ang walang trabaho, Ang sabi po ng MOLE ay limang pors'yento Ng bilang ng "work force" dito sa bayan ko.

Ayon pa sa mga opisyal ng bayan Sahod ay tumaas (daw!), umigi ang buhay, Bakit naman ito'y halos sapat lamang Ibili ng bigas at konting pang-ulam?

At bakit din kaya kayrami ng dukha Na sa aking bayan ay nangaglipana Kung itong trabaho'y madaling makuha At ang sahod naman ay mataas na nga?

Bakit din sa tuwing ako'y mamamasyal Ay di mapanatag itong kalooban? Naro'n ang pangambang baka madukutan O baka maholdap, di kaya'y mapatay.

akit nga ba ako'y tila nanginginig 'pag may sundalo o kaya ay pulis? 'cit di makatkat sa puso ko't isip 'pag-aalala na ako'y ma-"salvage"?

> aliwaswasan sa gobyerno namin nggang ngayon ay hindi mapigil? ng tao doon po sa amin sunurang tulad sa alipin?

> > aka ka't ibig mong tuklasin ga sa bayan kong giliw, 'ang iyan ay arukin... toon po sa amin...!

Ang bayan ko



We, the people

Student bewails choice of commencement speakers

I am a student of the Philippine Women's University, and will soon be graduating. As a graduating student, I would, like to

Del Mundo says OK

Please be informed that, relative to the request of a certain Mr. FELIXBERTO V. CASTILLO of Baliuag, Bulacan to reprint my Plea for survival in pamphlet form (Malaya, Mar.. 7-13), I interpose no objection to such request PROVIDED that you as my publisher, shall give your consent and PROVIDED FURTHER that reprints of said article shall not be used for commercial purposes. (May God bless you, Mr. Cástillo.)

Thank you once again and may the continued blessings of the good Lord shower on you always.

Yours since rely,

(Sgd.) ESTRELLA DEL MUNDO comment regarding guest speakers and how they are selected to address us during commencement exercises.

As I have observed from previous commencement exercises I have attended, Guest Speakers whom'I have heard are not really worthy to be called "guest speakers."

As we know, a guest speaker is one who should inspire us. One who should be the model or the guiding star of the youth, especially students.

But most of the guest speakers invited by educational institutions are rich people occupying high positions in the government, who in real life maintain a querida, includge in shameful vices, or commit graft and corruption in government.

A man's success cannot be measured in terms of high position or money. The moral and spiritual qualities of a guest speaker should be considered.

> (Sgd.) Susan P. Regala BSHRM IV

Zamboanga fire victims

Some 2,000 "fire victims" of Aplaya Rio Honda, Zamboanga City need assistance from the national government.

They need food, shelter, material to construct their homes. They also need the assistance of the national government by providing them a lot for them to live in. The sugested area for them to occupy is not a decent

one, far from school, no transportation, water, light, swampy area.

We are neglected by our local government in the sense that they are sending a military to the area to drive us out. We are urging the national government to take immediate action.

AMILBANGSA PARADJI Zamboanga City

Grievance

(Contributions to this page are welcome. Letters or articles will be published on a first-come-first-served basis and should be typewritten, double-spaced on a bond or newsprint paper. Writers should have verifiable names and addresses (and telephone numbers, if any). However, if requested, identities can be withheld and confidentiality will be strictly adhered to. Libelous statements and comments that tend to assail personalities should be myoided. — ED

Bleaker than ever

Ten years ago, it didn't make sense to me. Nothing at all. The accepted way was the safe way of conformity or silence. And I was one of those who jubilantly hailed the then dictated laws and catchy slogans, of which at first, I hadn't fully realized were high-sounding promises which have characterized platforms of colonial-minded candidates. After those very grand promises were made, in which would emerge, they said, a New Society, I be-lieved then that the prevalent feeling was the people was now rid forever of their untold sufferings, that the dark night of oppression, persecution, and other hei-nous forms of injustice committed against the Filipino people, were over. But it proved to be an illusion.

Now, it seems the picture is bleaker than ever, more so with the dictatorial tendencies of the "great" over the struggling forces in the country.

try.

We are compelled once to ponder over the essence, forms, and real magnitude of this dictatorial menace. And this is not a mere accident of History in the evolution of some capitalist countries. They tend toward the suppression of democratic freedoms, a tendency inherent in imperialism as the highest and last stage of the capitalist socio-economic system.

Events of recent years show that the long and stubborn struggle of the people against what we would call "an offensive" against their democratic rights and liberties had not eliminated the possibility of reappearance of what might be a greater struggle since its deep social roots remain intact.

The Society itself was already being marred by the reality of hunger and poverty which were traceable to our colonial economy. Frauds could easily be perpetrated. Social conditions were going from bad to worse. Graft and corruption rampant.

If we are a democracy, why does it trample underfoot our human dignity and cultivate political terror only to brand the poor and oppressed as subversives? Is it undemocratic to hold sacred what we had been fighting for ever since?

I have witnessed a steady intensification of "crisis processes" deepening the economic and socio-political disproportions. These have given
rise to growing opposition on
the part of the working
people and all democratic

forces, an opposition which develops into a struggle for economic and civil rights, for putting an end to outrageous forcign and local policies. When the ruling classes

When the ruling classes prove unable to resolve the conflicts, which become ever more interise within the framework of democratic institutions, they resort to extreme measures, including the creation of "crisis processes" in certain parts of the country.

Country.

I reiterate, yours was not to be a mere 'opposition' newspaper but one that truly represents the nationalist movement in the country and speaks our own economic, political, and cultural aspirations.

ations.

It is my hope and faith that this bold departure from the usual inanities in this poverty stricken society would continue and that justice be accorded, if we are a democracy, to the people behind the cause of truth and freedom.

(Please withhold my name) Ouezon City

Reader's change of heart

Before, I really used to believe that we, the people of the Philippines, were living in a democratic country, that we could freely enjoy and willfully exercise such cons-titutional rights as freedom of expression, freedom of the press, freedom of speech and other inalienable human rights. In other words, I used to uphold the conviction that our human rights were respected, protected and preserved by the present regime. So resolute was my faith in the incumbent administration then that I became a staunch defender of Marcos and his family. In fact, to tell you the truth, I used to dispute with any-body who attempted to assail and castigate my "idol." But something unusual happened that caused the sudden or abrupt obliteration, of my faith and trust in the incumbent government. That unusual "something" converted my once "faith and trust" in the government into their complete antithesis. What is that "something?" The WE-

WILLY QUIAMBAO

Dispossessed

foreign magnates out to mine

uranium, bauxite, lead, zinc

Woman

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to these principles that serve as their lodestar when the world with its wickedness and its pragmatism assaults them like a furnace-blast? How firmly will these young graduates cling fast to their ideals when they are confronted with the seeming triumph of dishonesty, injustice, malevolence and greed? How will our gra-duates manage? Where will they turn for shelter in the face of the gathering storm?

The true test of education is in the ability of our students and graduates to endure the vicissitudes and pains of a searing Friday, trusting fully and without question that the glory of Easter Sunday will eventually burst forth to keep the covenant with a waiting

Only when this belief in the ultimate triumph of Good over Evil is grasped by our youth can we expect them to understand so many seeming incon-sistencies between the idealism of education and the actual harsh realities the rat race world. Only then can they hold fast and faithfully to the etermal truths and the universal values despite the seeming victories of Godless men and women who have lost their sense of

In the Holy Book, Isaiah holds out a ray of hope (29: 13-21) in these

The Lord said,"These people claim to wor-ship Me, but their words are meaningless,

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Nacionalista

giving the people an alternative to the ruling party.

On the other hand, by boy cotting elections the other opposition parties be able to wrest the leader-ship of the national government from the KBL, which is the objective of the NP? Will the regional parties, like the PUSYON BISAYA, Concerned Citizens Party, etc. be able to replace the ruling KBI, when they are only good for their regions and are often times fragmented themselves?

The truth is that of all the political parties today, only the NP has the correct principles and concepts of government, ones that are attuned to the political ideals and practices of the Filipino people. While the NP espouses true democracy, the other parties have adopted principles and practices which are undemocratic and inimical to the interests of our people. For instance, the KBL with its so-called party

the most powerful official of the land to whom all the other and the government. It is no nations call our system a onechecks-and-balances' system have practically disappeared, because those who perpetuate the same belong to their own

Laban, it has adopted as part of its platform the federal system of government which is something new and strange in this jurisdiction and which if carried out could result in the disunity and dismemberment of the republic. It also

From page 1 responsibility kind of government has made the President branches of government must vow. This is but expected since the President is the head of both the ruling party wonder therefore that other man rule. Under the KBL administration, the traditional separation of powers and so much so that the Batasan Pambansa is not expected to investigate or expose gargantuan anomalies in government

In the case of the PDP-

DAFFY CAT

and diamonds. This ironically is considered "national in-Historically, tribal dispossession is accompanied with violence if not deceit. One might say that the acquisition of colonies is one big example of national dispossession. All forms of resistance by indigenous peoples are invariably met with a combination of deceit and violence and in-

alone.

 Macli-ing Dulag, the Kalinga chieftain, was murdered in 1980 because of his opposition to to the Philippine government's Chico river dam project. Puzzled by the lowlanders' insistence on calling this or that part of the earth theirs by virtue of a piece of paper, Macli-ing spoke for a tiny minority of the world's peoples who do not subscribe to the common notions about land. He is quoted as saying:

creasingly with violence

Such arrogance to speak of owning the land when we are owned by it. How can you own that which will outlive vou?

Strategic hamletting is a

advocates the nationalization of industries something usually done in the communistic countries. Now these are against the traditional Filipino political ideas which nurtures a compact and unitary government for unity and prosperity. The PDP-Laban's precepts also run counter to the free enterprise system as adopted by the NP consistent with its democratic principles.

In the case of the UNIDO, it has adopted the practice of boycotting elections. How then can it remove the ruling party when it does not pit its candidates against those of the KBL as is being done by the NP?

Is it being a "manageable opposition, a national colla-boration party or a subsidiary of the KBL" to participate in elections for the purpose of defeating the KBL candidates and replacing them with NP officials? There can be no greater attack or criticism against the present administration than to defeat it in political elections and replace t with an NP administration, which is the immediate and main objective of the NP?

Who, therefore, is the genuine opposition? Those who ran away from political fights or those who stay and fight it out against the KBL even at great odds?

We suggest that those of the other opposition parties first examine their respective positions before criticizing the NP because more than any other opposition party, the NP detest the kind of govern-ment being practiced by the KBL, which should therefore be replaced by the NP whose platform stands for peace, unity and prosperity for our people under a regime of democracy and justice for all, including the "self-anointed genuine oppositionists".

land and received only 8,312 in return. Thousands of tribal families (14,133 in 1961) deceitful tactic currently used have been displaced in four states to accommodate dams, rural folks to stay in "live-in steel projects, and factories. centers"as a protection from rebels. Militarization goes

India lost 62.238 acres of

These are the Adivasi, the original inhabitants, now mar-ginalized as the "scheduled tribes. Tourism industry can

easily squeeze the Mountain People of Taiwan out of their domain. They are very vul-nerable because they do not have private ownership of the land. They not only suffer loss of their native place but also suffer the side effects of tourism such as moral disruption, family dis-integration, loss of pride, distortion of cultural heritages, etc. There were some 267,698 Mountain People as of 1978.

The dispossession of national minorities seems to be a form of genocide. It is in not even included in the the nature of all ethnic peoples population count. Various to live off and on the land as Culturally around a system rooted in their particular view of land and other natural endowments in general. Technologically, they are so backward that their immediate needs for food, clothing, and shelter are directly derived from nature, from the mountains, the rivers, the seas, the forest, and of course, the land. In short, their very lives depend on being rooted to where they are; uprooting them would mean eradicating the material basis of their existence as a distinct people.

• The Aetas, tribal Filipinos of negroid stock, mean it when they say that rather than starve to death with their sources of livelihood destroyed or confiscated, they would prefer to die fighting:

> In this land we were born: In this land we grew up; In this land we shall die.

In 1946, thousands of hec tares of Aeta ancestral land (an area almost as large as Singapore or Washington, D.C.) were set aside for American air and naval bases. Occupying lands in Central Luzon, relatively close to Manila, the Aetas are partic-ularly threatened by "development." Actas evacuated from a community in Tarlac during a massive anti-Com-munist drive and returned to find their farms and homelots already appropriated by a government housing project.

 More and more pushed to the hinterlands, the tribal groups of the Chittagong Hill Tract in Bangladesh are facing extinction. Ninety percent of them have lost their lowland to the Bengalis and even up in the hills, the land they use for the traditional shifting cultivation shrinks year by year. The little soil that remains gets over-used and productivity decreases. In desperation, the Chittagong tribes have mustered unbelievable courage to oppose each ejection. In spite of Islamic taboos about facing men, the Chittagong women have dared confront their male oppressors in face to face encounters. It is now a

matter of do or die.

• It is an established fact that the Aborigines who came to Australia more than 30,000 years ago were massacred by the British invaders. From 300,000 in 1788 they were reduced to only 60,000 in 1933. Their land was usurped and covered with sheep, cattle and crops by the British colonizers.

National minorities have the inherent human right to chart their own part of cultural and economic progress. move that might stop their forward development is a violation of this sacred right of an ethnic people.

• The largest single minority group in Japan are the Burakumin, about three million out of a population of 117.8 million. For hundreds of years they have been segragated and ostracized. There was a time when they were population count. Various restrictions have been imposed on them like prohibiand economically, they are tion to marry non-Burakumin, so tied to the land that their very social life is woven nated ghetto-type communities on marginally located land, urban and rural. External signs of their belonging to this outcast community had be worn such as straw ropes as belts or straw cords to tie the hair. Up to this day and age, they do not enjoy the same opportunities to grow socially, politically and economically.

· Also denied the basic privileges are the Koreans in Japan. Bound to the Japanese way of life and system, they have never really been accepted into it. This is their agony.

· Discriminated against in Pakistan are the Christian sweepers. In this Muslim world, they are relegated to slums called Batis where contact with Muslim neighbors is highly controlled. They do not enjoy the same political rights.

• The ethnic identity of the Indian community in Malaysia is being threatened by the enforcement of the Malay language and uniform curriculum centered in Malayan culture. There are about 1.1 million Indians in Malaysia, 80 percent of Malaysia, 80 whom are Tamils.

• Some 1.4 million indigenous Tamils have been struggling for a voice in Sri Lanka. For centuries, they regarded themselvesas a separate Hindu nation, more linked culturally to the Indian subcontinent than to the predominantly Buddhist Sinhalese country. Although highly educated and well positioned in life, the Tamils have been prey to Sinhalese nationalism with its national cry of "Sinhalese only

The result has been a bloody struggle with the Tamil United Liberation Front as a strong force in Sri Lankan politics.

The plight of national minorities merely reflects the bigger issue: The right to selfdetermination. This is basic to their full protection. Until they enjoy their right to determine their own lives, minorities will always struggle for a place under the sun.

Source: URM - CCA. No Place in the Inn, 1979

The military imposes dusk-todawn curfew and restrictions on food and other crop surpluses. As a consequence, the hamletted civilians, most of them settler peasants and tribal groups, face famine and starvation. Before long their land is used in large-scale agri-business ventures both by local quasi-governmental and private firms as well as

transnational corporations. Where resistance is shown,

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in the Philippines to force

hand in hand with this move.

military force is utilized. Indeed mass dispossession often motivated by the profit drive of private local and foreign business with the state acting as a willing accomplice, unless it be the dispossessor itself. These corporate concerns reap the benefits of development projects like dams whereas the vast majority of the people, minorities included, enjoy only the incidental, non-substantive, therefore, costly, "benefits."

 Because of large dams for electricity and irrigation, the indigenous people of

Release

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secretary-general, has been meeting with influential union and labor officials in Canada and the United States, appealing for their help to free Olalia and Beltran, chair-



ARELLANO man-president and vice presirespectively of the

KMÚ. Olalia and Beltran and more than 20 other labor leaders were rounded up in what appeared to be a crackdown against labor leaders opposed to the Marcos regime. Cases of rebellion have since been filed against them.

Arellano was in Europe last year to meet with other trade leaders when word reached him about the crackdown. He was advised to stay abroad for a while and continue linking up with other progressive labor groups until the situation on the Philippine labor front eased.

Arellano's campaign has taken him to Ottawa and Montreal where he held a series of discussions with Canadian labor leaders and church human rights advo-

He has sought the help of the Canadian Labor Congress and the Ontario Federation

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Subpoena

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25, Rule 132, Revised Rules of Court).
WHEREFORE, premises

considered, it is most respectfully prayed that the subpoena duces tecum be set aside or quashed.

Quezon City, Philippines,

(Sgd.) SERGIO A.F. APOSTOL Ciy Fiscal

Clerk of Court Regional Trial Court National Capital Judicial

Branch LXXV, Quezon City

CREETINGS:

Please submit the foreging motion for the resolution of this court immediately upon receipt hereof without further arguments.

> (Sgd.) SERGIO A.F. APOSTOL City Fiscal

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COMMENT ON MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

DEFENDANT ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ, JR. by counsel respectfully submits the following comment on the prosecution's "Motion to Quash Subpoena Duces Tecum," dated March 11, 1983:

1. Why doesn't the prosecution want the official records of President Marcos' medals, awards, decorations, etc. produced in Court? Does have anything to hide? 2. Originally it seemed not

to. The suggestion to subpoena those records came from

the prosecution's own witness, Col. Balbino Diego. Before defendant's counsel told the Court he would request such a subpoena, he asked the City Fiscal if he had any objection, and Fiscal Apostol shook his head in the negative. In fact, Fiscal Apostol made no objection to counsel's oral motion to suspend the cross-examination of Col. Diego until Friday, March 11, to allow time for the records to be produced by subpoena. Fiscal Apostol did not object either to counsel's request for permission to dictate the request for the subpoena to the Court stenographer, so the subpoeona could be served without loss of time.

3. What made the prosecution change its mind on the very day the records were to be produced?

4. Whatever the cause, the prosecution has no valid reason to object to the subpoena because:

(a) Rule 132. Sec. 27, Rules of Court which, oddly enough the prosecution cites, clearly authorizes the subpoena: for it expressly allows a public record to be brought to Court "where the inspection of the record is essential to the just determination of the case pendin" - and that is exactly the case here.

(b) The records to be pro-duced are material and relevant. Col. Diego has testified that the articles, prosecution's Exhs. J to Q. were part of a subversive plot. So defendant is entitled to cross-examine him on this point both to test his credibility and to show that the articles are not without foundation and therefore are not subversion but fair comment, based on

facts, on a matter of public nates, on a matter of public interest, privileged utterances protected by the constitu-tional guarantee of free speech and free press. How-ever, when defendant's counsel began to cross-examine Col. Diego about some statements made in the articles on how many medals were awarded to Pres. Marcos and whether eleven medals were awarded to him on one and the same day, Col. Diego answered that he could not say positively without referring to the records in question. So the records in question are undoubtedly material and

relevant.
(c) The only reason the prosecution gives for arguing prosecution gives for arguing the contrary is "that the charge of subversion may exist without the articles on the medals awarded to the President." If so, why did the prosecution mark the articles as exhibits and call Col. Diego to testify on them? By doing so, it itself has made the records subpoenaed relevant and material

(d) Of course, an official record may be proved by a certified copy as the prosecution says. But, as counsel disclosed in Court, an associate whom he had sent to examine the records in question was not allowed to do so. So how could defendant's counsel get certified copies? And how could he be sure the copies – if any were gi-ven him – were exact? Or that the "originals" were authentic and had not been al-

tered or substituted?
5. Those are all the prosecution's objections. And they are obviously without merit.

6. Worse. By filing the

"Motion to Quash Subpoena Duces Tecum", which if granted would prevent production and inspection of the official records of President Marcos' medals, the prosecution has clearly revealed that it does not want the truth about those medals to come

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7. In view of this, coun-sel respectfully leaves the resolution of the motion to quash to the sound discretion of the Court.

Respectfully submitted, Quezon City, Philippines, March 14, 1983.

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(Sgd.) JOSE W. DIOKNO Counsel for Defendant Ernesto Rodriguez, Jr. 55 Third Street, New Manila Quezon City RECEIVED COPY THE CITY FISCAL Ouezon City

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH LXXXV, OUEZON CITY

THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES, Plaintiff,

- versus -

JOSE BURGOS, ET AL. Accused.

CRIM. CASE NO. Q-22872

ORDER

Acting on the Motion to Quash Subpoena Duces Tecum filed by the prosecution, taking into account the Com-ment of accused Ernesto Rodriguez, Jr., as well as the

When that day comes, the deaf will be able to hear a book being read aloud and the blind. who have been living in darkness, will open their eyes and see.

Poor and humble people will once again find the happiness which the Lord, the holy God of Israel, gives. It will be the end of those who oppress others and show contempt for God. Every sinner will be destroyed.

God will destroy those who slander others. those who prevent the punishment of criminals, and those who tell lies to keep honest men from getting justice.

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By E. S. SAN DIEGO

On April 7, 1900, U.S., assume thiblame. President McKinley instruct-ed General Merritt, then Commander of the Army of Occupation, to "secure speedy and impartial trials and, at the same time, effective administration and respect for individual rights" for the inhabitants of the Philippines.

Now, 83 Aprils later, this instruction still merits consideration. For it is an admit-ted fact that the Philippine courts are clogged with unresolved cases. Judicious and speedy trials are still a dream to the detriment of poor litigants. Postponement of hearings is still a problem that haunts the judiciary. And what is worse, it has been noted that in a number of instances, it is the side of the prosecution that frequently asks for postponement of hearings while the accused earnestly await their day in court and prove their innocence, if really innocent

they are.

The time is more than ripe that the judiciary heed the clamor for faster, less cumbersome and less expensive dispensation of justice. It is one way of restoring the people's faith in the courts which have, on several occasions, been put in bad light for reasons some members of the Bench must also

Reply and Supplement thereto of the prosecution, the Court finds and so holds that "all these voluminous records the medals, decorations and citations awarded to President Ferdinand E. Marcos in connection with World War II" requested by Atty. Jose W. Diokno to be produced in court, do not have any significant bearing and materiality in the current criminal proceedings for subversion (Violation of Presidential Decree No. 885 as amended by P.D. No. 1736), more specifically movant

WHEREFORE, the Motion to Quash is GRANTED and the subpoena duces tecum issued by this Court dated March 8, 1983 is hereby set aside.

SO ORDERED. Quezon City, Philippines, March 21, 1983.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. CASTRO Judge

Indeed the wheels of justice must move in a creditable rate. And at this point, this column wishes to emphasize that the Constitution (in Article IV, Bill of Rights) guarantees speedy,

impartial, and public trials. But, let it be stressed: It's speedy trial, not speedy conviction.

In a recent symposium, former Senator Dominador Aytona put the Marcos administration to task for incurring a very huge external debt to the tune of P17 billion. For this, he said, both the World Bank and the IMF have admitted that the country "has already reached its borrowing limits."

With this predicament, I can't understand why the government keeps on borrowing. And everytime, the President or the First Lady signs an agreement for loan, the socalled technocrats applaud and sing hosannas as if obtaining loans is really a tremenduous achievement.

Years from now, can our children and their children's children make the same applaus if they realize that our country is neck-deep in debts? Or will tax increases again be the answer?

SAMUT-SARI: Malugod na pagbati sa mga nakapasa sa iksaminasyon sa pagkaabugado. May karagdagang 433 bagong abugado sa bansa. Sana'y taglayin nila ang idealismo at dedikasyon upang mamayani sa ating lipunan ang kapangyarihan ng batas laban sa kapangyarihan ng tao . . . Hangga ngayon ay problema pa rin ang mga kaso ng mga biktima ng mga ilegal na rekruter para s gawain sa ibang bansa. Bak ba hindi ito malutas-lutas i pamahalaan, lalo na ng h nistri ng Paggawa? Mas naman sila sa ating mahili na kababayan na ang tar pagkukulang, kung pagk lang ngang matatawag, a umasa ng tagumpay sa nasvon na hindi nila puan sa sariling bansa. SALIGANG DIWA YUNG ITO: Hindi ang ibinubunga ng p lang ang mga hi nasa ibabaw n sapagkat dahil dito at katwiran ay na — EMILIO JACIN

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Woman

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and their hearts are somewhere else. Their religion is nothing else but human rules and traditions, which they simply memorized.

So I will startle them with one unexpected blow after another. Those who are wise will turn out to be fools, and all their cleverness will turn out to be useless.

Those who try to hide their plans from the Lord are doomed. They carry out their schemes in secret and think no one will see them or know what they are doing. They turn everyupside down. Which is more important, the potter or the clay? Can something a man has made tell him. "You didn't men.
me"? Or can it say to "You don't know him, what you are doing"? As the saying goes,

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Easter is the time when man graduates from the season of fear and doubt resurrection of the life of ing once again of faith in the Lord. A happy and

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took place to protest Govern-ment policies. There were protests at the Supreme Court over the arrest of a labor leader and in downtown Manila concerning the Sep-tember 1982 visit of Presi-dent Marcos to the United

States. A demonstration on

nuclear disarmament was ban-

ned because of the suspected

involvement of communist

subversives. Several large opposition rallies have been

held in provincial towns. Per-

mits are required to hold

public meetings. Sometimes

they are granted by the authorities and sometimes not. There has been no interference with recent opposition political rallies,

even those held without a

organize and maintain labor

unions is respected. While only 12,3 percent of the

18 million-person labor force was unionized in 1981, this

seems more attributable to the economic structure of

the country, than to legal or

political inhibitions. A majority of the labor force is com-

posed of self-employed and

unpaid family workers who are traditionally not union

members. The unions claim that roughly one-third of the six million wage and salary

earners are organized, and in key, large scale industries the

rate of unionization is about fifty percent. Affiliation with

international labor federations trade secretariats is

The Trade Union Congress of the Philippines is the largest of the national trade

union organizations and is the only one officially recognized

by the Government to achieve

its goals. Other labor groups

have used more confront-ational factics, and in August

and September 1982, several

leaders from these groups were arrested and charged

with subversion. The Govern-ment asserts that it has evidence to support the

charges, and that it is trying

to separate the legitimate labor activities of the unions

in question from the alleged

subversive activities. The

affected unions deny the

charges. They remain free to conduct strikes and nego-

tiations within the existing legal framework.

Philippines and Allied Services, the National Associa-

tion of Trade Unions, and the

Pambansang Katipunan ng Manggagawa are affiliated

with the World Federation of

Trade Unions, a communist

labor front controlled by the

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Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDI-CIAL QUEZON CITY

BRANCH LXXXV

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIP-PINES, Plaintiff,

JOSE BURGOS JR. ET AL

Accused. CRIM. CASE NO. Q-22872

MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

COMES NOW the undersigned City Fiscal, and unto this Honorable Court, res-

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and survival is based on the same justification we invoked when the UNIDO made a simiproposal to President Marcos last October 15, 1982.

"The violence and divisiveness now tearing the country apart under the present regime demand decisive and drastic action to head off the total radicalization of those opposed to this regime, abort a violent revolution and once again unite under a free and

democratic order. truly concerned over the future of this country, he should match the sincerity of the spiritual leader of 42 million Filipino Catholics and seriously consider and respond to these proposals instead of dismissing them again outright as mere 'fantasia'.'

Cardinal Sin's proposal, made the other week during a dialogue with Prime Minister Cesar A. Virata, the council would be made up of three cabinet members, three church representatives, two members of the opposition and two members from the private sector.

Topics to be handled by the council, the Cardinal said would include peace and order and national security, business and economic affairs, social and labor affairs, political affairs, Muslim affairs and government policy imple-

mentation. UNIDO leaders said Mr. Marcos should respond to the Cardinal's proposal instead of dismissing it as mere "fan-tasia" which he (president) did to similar proposal made by UNIDO to Malacanang on Oct. 15, 1982.

UNIDO, an umbrella organization of 14 political parties, sought the creation of a "Preparatory Commission for National Reconciliation and Survival" to head off total radicalization of the people, avert a violent revolution and unite under a free and democratic order.

Signatories to the resolution were UNIDO President Salvador H. Laurel, former Senator Ambrosio Padilla, chairman of UNIDO's council of leaders, and former Con-con Vice Presi-dent Abraham F. Sarmiento who attested the resolution as UNIDO Secretary-general.

pectfully alleges:

1) That the court issued a subpoena duces tecum for the "production of all records of all medals, awards and citations given to President Ferdinand E. Marcos" on March 8, 1983, upon motion of Atty Jose A. Diokno, counsel for Ernesto Rodriguez, Jr.;

2) That Section 27 of Rule 132 of the Revised Rules of Court provides for the irremovability of public records from the office of which it is

This is necessary for the preservation of public papers and for public convenience because those papers should always be in known place to which access must be had by all (20 Am. Jur. 382).

3) That more importantly, the movant has not shown the materiality of relevancy o of the voluminous record desired to be produced. The prosecution maintains that the documents sought to be produced are clearly immaterial and irrelevant considering that the charge of subversion may exist without the alleged libelous articles on the medals awarded to the President;

4) That an official record or an entry therein when admissible for any purpose, may be evidenced by an official publication thereof or by a copy attested by the officer having the legal custody of the record x x x (Section

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Bishops

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The CBCP did not immediately commit itself to the Marcos programs during that Malacanang meeting. The Malacanang meeting. panel, headed by Archbishop Antonio L. Mabutas, instead went immediately to consult Cardinal Sin at Villa San Miguel, Mandaluyong, where they were admonished that the Church could not commit itself hook, line and sinker to the government's development programs which are out of the moral and spiritual range of the Church's acti-

Cardinal Sin said that the Church hierarchy lacks the expertise and technical know-how that the Marcos programs demand. Besides, it was pointed out, they are all taken care of in the P61-Billion budget, for 1983, and the Marcos government takes orders and advice from the World Bank and the IMF.

A spokesman of a Knights of Columbus general assembly in Quezon City remarked: "The Marcos programs are basically government undertakings spelled out in election pledges and political cam-paigns. Malacanang should not deceitfully pass the buck on to the Church for the failure of its economic, social,

and political programs."

However, immediately following the CBCP meeting with the President in Malacanang, the eager-beaver propaganda boys of the govern-ment released a doctored news to the press to the effect that the "Bishops Vow **US** report

the closure, all major daily newspapers continued to air criticisms of Government policy.

There is no direct censorship, but the Government maintains informal means to influence or pressure the media. Press freedom itself was widely debated in the media in 1982, particularly by Manila columnists, and competition within and particularly by Manila columnists, intensified. In 1982, Manila acquired four new dailies, and publishers seemed increasingly willing to go to more venturesome lengths in quest of both circulation and more candid coverage to gain credibility with readers. Television and all major nationally circulated newspapers are owned by persons sympa-thetic to the Government, but there are also several opposition papers circulated in limited numbers in the pro-

Newspapers operate knowing that the Government closely scrutinizes the topics they choose and the way they treat them. The list of subjects "off-limits" to the media is shorter than it has been in years, but direct criticism of the Marcos family invites confrontation with the Government. There is no censorship of foreign books or periodicals, and correspondents for foreign media, many of whom are Filipinos, regularly cover controversial, sensitive topics head-on. Such sensitive topics head-on. Such magazines 'as' "Time" and "Newsweek" are widely cir-culated, and the "Asian Wall Street Journal," "Interntional Herald Tribune" and "Far Eastern Economic Review" are sold in larger cities.

b. Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association

Freedom of assembly was generally observed in 1982.

Support for Development Programs." No such vow of support was given. Malacanang again misled the press and the public with such "specially massaged" and controlled news.

Other Christian denominational Churches have admonished also their fol-lowers to take the Mala-canang proposals "with a grain of salt." The govern-ment, it is believed, will blame the Catholic and other Christian bishops and ministers for any debacle in the economic, social, infrastructure, technical, and projections development in which the Church leaders have never been consulted during the planning stage, in the first place, but are now enticed and cajoled to support.

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April 4, 11, 18, 1983.

government and other labor activities instigated by such labor groups. They accordingly receive intense government Rallies and demonstrations

scrutiny.

leaders

Labor law requires a twothirds vote of the workers prior to a strike and permits the Minister of Labor to designate essential industries in which strikes are prohibited and arbitration is mandatory. However, the Government has in many cases been tole-

rant of "illegal"strikes.

As of September 1982, government statistics indica-ted that 78 strikes had occurred in 1982. This was a considerable decrease from the number of strikes in 1981. There were some episodes of violence on picket lines, usually involving nongovernment security forces and picketers.

c. Freedom of Religion

While the right to practice one's religion is fully respected involvement by clergy and lay workers in the political process has been a source of church-government

state. While most Filipinos are Catholics, there is a large Muslim minority in the southern regions and there are several diverse Christian groups throughout the country. Tensions rooted in history have led to friction between Muslim and Christian elements in the southern Philippines. However, the Government has taken steps to ensure that followers of the Islamic faith are accorded religious freedom. As evi-dence of its concern, the Philippine Government estab-lished an institute in 1982 to train leading Filipino Muslim religious and legal figures for positions in the Sharia court system, which is based on Muslim personal law. The Government's Ministry of Muslim Affairs, established in 1981, has also provided financial support to ten madrasahs (Islamic schools) and eight Islamic centers in the south. Support is designed to pre-serve Filipino Islamic identity and cultural heritage.

(To be continued)

File No. 83-21

Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION Makati, Metro-Manila (Office of the Sheriff)

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MARISSA F. DE GUZMAN,

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